



The Annual General Meeting of the Napier Pipe Band Inc. will be held at the Tamatea Community Church, 1 York Avenue, Napier on Monday 12 June 2017 commencing at 7.30 pm.

AGENDA

Welcome and Apologies

Confirmation of minutes – Annual General Meeting – 13 June 2016

Matters Arising from Minutes:

Correspondence – pertaining to the AGM

Annual reports – President and Pipe Major

Financial Reports for the year ending 31 March 2017

Election of Committee: The following people have been nominated and seconded to these Band Officer positions and as there are no other nominations they are duly elected.

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| President | Richard Manning | Nominated by | D Stuart/J Baxter |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Betty Wilson | “ | D Stuart/ H Harrison |
| Pipe Major | Kerry Marshall | “ | D Stuart/ B Wilson |
| Drum Major | Don Stuart | “ | R Arrell/ B Wilson |
| Band Manager | Ken McLoughlin | “ | B Wilson/G Madden |

Committee Members: Hugh Harrison and Julie Baxter have completed one year of their two year terms. Penny Madden retires by rotation and Richard Loan is also retiring but both are eligible for re-election. Accordingly, there are two vacancies to be filled. The following playing members have been nominated for the Committee:-

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| Richard Loan | Nominated by | D Stuart/B Wilson |
| Penny Madden | “ | D Stuart/R Manning |
| Alan Lawton | “ | P Marshall/J Brown |

Election of Patron: Harry Renfree

General Business:

Following the meeting you are invited to stay for supper.

Please note that **Subscriptions** (for the year beginning April 2017) are now due. Subscriptions for playing members are \$35.00. Associate members are \$20.00 with a maximum of \$70.00 per family.

Betty Wilson
Secretary
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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NAPIER PIPE BAND INC.,
HELD ON MONDAY, 13 JUNE 2016, AT THE TAMATEA COMMUNITY CHURCH,
1 YORK AVENUE, NAPIER COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM.**

- Present:** H Renfree, D&E Wilson, R Coates, M Mills, H&L Harrison, R&J Downing, Y Dobbie, K&P Marshall, A&J Hawes, G Bainbridge, K McLoughlin, N Scannell, B McLeod, J Kaan, N Cobley, R Schofield, R Manning, R Appleton-Seymour, D Kellett, A Eaton, M&N Lumb, P Madden, V&D Mitchell, D Stuart, G&C Helliwell.
- Apologies:** J Baxter, R Loan, S&K Marsh, V Marshall, G&M Madden, E&B Wright, B Hansen, M Madden, C Anderson ,H&K Cobley.
- Welcome:** President Harry welcomed members and visitors to his last meeting as President of the band.
- Minutes:** The minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 8 June 2015 and the Special General Meeting dated 12 October, 2015, having been distributed prior to the meeting, were taken as read and accepted as a true and correct record.
B McLeod/P Madden
Agreed
- Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.
- Annual Reports:** **President's Report** – Presented by Harry. Another very busy year for the Band. The participation and involvement of the younger people continues to thrill and inspire us. As always, our steady community involvement is a source of pride for us and gives pleasure to the thousands of people we entertain with our music. It is estimated that the band plays to 20,000 people each year and in addition we receive a steady stream of requests for players to play at funerals, birthday parties and other special family occasions. Parades – Anzac, Blossom Festival, Art Deco, Christmas (Napier, Taradale & Waipukurau) total 53. The band also played at 13 Inglesides during the year and the comments the band receive are very rewarding.
H Renfree/B Wilson
Agreed
- Pipe Major's Report** – Presented by Kerry. We have continued our tradition of parading for a variety of events and have been able to consistently provide good music. In this next year we plan to continue this and have already started with the Navy Charter parade and ANZAC day parades. The excellent concert we staged in St Paul's church in September and the enjoyable one at the Napier RSA are examples of the high performance standard we can attain. Last year we participated in the Palmerston North Square day in December and whilst we didn't perform to our own expectations, the judges' comments provide interesting pointers for our ongoing development. Some of our members competed at the Highland Games and although not always successful, the process of preparing helps develop skills. With Geoff's assistance we continue to spend time with pupils and it has its rewarding moments and we hope to see continued growth in numbers and improvement in skills. Our playing numbers are still 24 pipers (although several are only able to participate in a limited way), 8 learner pipers and 12 drummers. The youngsters should also be commended for their efforts with piping and drumming. It is also important to have a succession plan with new ideas to ensure the next years are just as good. Our appreciation should be recorded for the 17 years we have been able to use the facilities at the EIT.
K Marshall/B McLeod
Agreed

Financial Report: Kerry presented the financial report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. As there were no questions from the floor it was moved that the financial report be received and approved.

K Marshall/K McLoughlin
Agreed

Election of Officers: Written nominations had been received prior to the Annual General Meeting.

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| President | Richard Manning | K Marshall/D Stuart |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Betty Wilson | K Marshall/P Marshall |
| Pipe Major | Kerry Marshall | D Stuart/K McLoughlin |
| Drum Major | Don Stuart | R Arrell/K Marshall |
| Band Manager | Ken McLoughlin | B Wilson/D Stuart |

As these people have been nominated and seconded, it was declared that they be duly elected for the ensuing year.

Election of Committee:

In addition to the above officers, three playing members are to be elected to the committee. Penny Madden continues as a committee member having completed one year of her two year term. Richard Loan and Hugh Harrison retire by rotation but are eligible for re-election. The following people have been nominated for the committee and as the number of nominations does not exceed the number of vacancies, they are duly elected –

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| Julie Baxter | K McLoughlin/D Stuart |
| Richard Loan | D Stuart/K Marshall |
| Hugh Harrison | D Stuart/K Marshall |

Election of Patron: On the recommendation of the Committee, Harry Renfree was nominated for the position of Patron of the Band and this was carried unanimously with applause.

General Business: Life Membership: Kerry presented Harry Renfree with a certificate for Life Membership. Harry became involved with the band not long after the formation of the Drones and Sticks PB when he assisted with the organisation of the 2002 National PB contest here in Napier. He became President in 2007 and since then has lead the band through some significant changes so that we are now a better, bigger organisation. He is encouraging of everyone's efforts and always shows his appreciation of the band's performances. This certificate records our gratitude for Harry's ten years of very positive and constructive leadership of the band and is a worthy acknowledgement of a person who has made a significant contribution to the band.
Flowers were also presented to Yvonne.

Kerry also presented Gray Helliwell with a certificate for Life Membership. Gray has been a member of the Drones and Sticks Pipe Band since its inception, has always assisted at band practice and helped out in various other ways.
This certificate records our gratitude for Gray's very positive and constructive contribution to pipe banding in Napier over many years. A life membership of the Napier Band (the first under our new name) is a fitting tribute to a man who has done so much for us.
Flowers were also presented to Clare.

Gifts. Harry presented Don Wilson with a gift in appreciation for the publication of the band newsletters, his photography and all the help he gives Betty with her secretarial work.

Harry presented Betty with a bouquet of flowers for her secretarial work.

Subscriptions. Harry reminded members that subscriptions for the year beginning April 2016 are as follows:- Playing Members \$35.00. Associate Members \$20.00 with a maximum of \$70.00 per family.

Ken moved a vote of thanks on behalf of the Band to the Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer and Auditor.

The meeting closed at 8 p.m.

Napier Pipe Band Inc President's and Pipe Major's Report - 2017

Our Vision:

To be a musically competent pipe band, responsive to members' aspirations and respected in the community.

Our contribution to our Community

In the past twelve months the Band and its members attended 64 functions and events ranging from the big parades of ANZAC Day and Art Deco to family reunions and weddings.

ANZAC Day continues to be one of our most important parades of the year with our members playing at dawn and morning parades at Waipawa, Napier and Taradale. This commitment from our members is very much appreciated by the RSAs and the public. Other civic engagements have included

- the EIT Graduation ceremonies (now over two days),
- the Navy Charter Parade in Napier
- the Easter Highland Games in Hastings,
- the Pirates Sports Club 130th celebrations at Tamatea Park,
- the opening of NI Leisure Marching at Pettigrew-Green Arena,
- the opening of PakNSave Tamatea
- the Taradale Retailers 130th celebrations in Gloucester St,
- the Breast Cancer Trust's walk in Hastings, and
- numerous Christmas parades and associated events.

New Years Eve continues to be a big occasion for us and once again the band played a variety of venues, finishing on the Marine Parade, where our music attracts a big audience. New Year's Eve is changing with audiences at some venues declining so the Band may need to reconsider how it celebrates this particular day in our calendar.

The Band again supported the Napier Caledonian Society by having a presence at every Ingleside and also played at the Southern HB Caledonian Society's final Ingleside. We've been going down to Dannevirke for decades so it was a sad moment to be at their last event.

A highlight, and a big commitment, is Art Deco weekend. There are numerous functions that we play at and our contribution to the Automobilia Parade is significant with much very positive feedback. Even the wet weather couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of the crowds or our band members.

Membership numbers remain steady with 36 playing members, 58 associate members and 9 life members. Don Wilson has continued to produce our regular newsletter which helps keeps our members up-to-date with our news and forthcoming programme – thank you Don.

The Committee

You elected a Committee to manage the affairs of the Band on your behalf and we can report that the committee met 6 times during the year. The Committee's activities have been consistent with good governance practice with a major focus being on the future of the Band Hall in Nelson Park. Options for maintenance, refurbishment, expansion and other alternatives are being explored so the Committee can bring a viable proposal to the members in the near future.

The work done by, and the support of the Committee members, is much appreciated - we are fortunate to have so many people willing to put time and effort into the Band.

The All Stars

We are fortunate to have a group of young pipers and drummers, known as The All Stars, who have been steadily improving their skills – expanding their repertoire and taking part in many of our parades. They played at two Napier Inglesides and at Taradale's Atawhai Rest Home as well as playing in two recitals that were staged after holiday workshops. Our youngsters also competed at the Hastings Highland Games with Oscar Cooper and Morgan Awateri-Madden having success. This group is important for our future and we thank those who bring them to practices and lessons and parades and encourage them in their band work.

Music

Over the year the Band has practised regularly on Monday nights to improve standards, develop our skills and expand the repertoire. No concerts were staged but that is something we want to do this year. Geoff Bainbridge has put a lot of time and energy into the drum Corps and more recently we have engaged Cameron Budge as Drum Tutor. Others have played a role mentoring pipers and drummers and helping on parade and at practices - thank you all for your hard work.

Finances

The financial reports for the year ending 31 March 2017 show that the Band finished the year with \$55,917 in the bank and equity of \$108,533 (\$111,635 last year). This is a strong financial position to be in. Revenue for the year was \$15,392 which included \$6,565 from grants and donations, \$2,240 in subscriptions and \$5,222 from other revenue. Costs were \$18,494 which includes depreciation \$8,934 (non cash), \$2,864 for operating costs \$1,876 for other costs and \$4,821 for property costs as listed in the report.

Gray Helliwell

It was a sad day for the band last year when we played at Gray's funeral on November 18th. Gray made a significant contribution to people and pipe bands in Napier following his arrival in the city in 1969 and not just to the band but, more importantly, to the people who had the privilege of knowing him. The thing that all of us associate with Gray was the way he would pitch in and help anyone - with their pipes, their technique, their music.

He was a member of the City of Napier Pipe Band, and a founding member of the Drones & Sticks PB. Gray was awarded our President's Award in 2009 and a Life Membership in 2016 in recognition of his very positive and constructive contribution to pipe banding in Napier over many years, both fitting tributes to a man who loved his piping, who was so willing to share his wonderful talents and who has done so much for us.

We extend our condolences to Claire and Gray's family.

Acknowledgements

We thank our Band Manager, Ken McLoughlin, Secretary/Treasurer, Betty Wilson, our Committee members and everyone who has contributed to the success of the Band in the past year.

Richard Manning (President) Kerry Marshall (Pipe Major)